

TOOL OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for providing tool operators in a manufacturing environment
with clear and accurate tooling information increases tool operators' efficiency and reduces
possibilities of errors. An output device and an input device are coupled to a processor. A
tool operator enters a product option and a line number in the input device. The processor
automatically selects a previously-defined build plan based on the entered information. The
10 processor outputs the selected build plan to the output device. The outputted build plan
includes tool information based on the entered product option and line number. The system
communicates with a manufacturing system and a tool design system over a network. Build
plans with product option and line number information are created at the manufacturing
system, and the tool design system associates tools with the product option and line number
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